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# Perennials Rock Garden Plants

# *Read the following Guarantee*

## **G U A R A N T E E**

We always endeavor to send out first class plants, true to name. Any plant that at any time is found to be labeled incorrectly, or that is found to be wrongly described, will be replaced at the next planting season without charge. In all planting work there will be some loss. This should not run over 10 per cent on perennials; and on such things as evergreens, all the trees should live. We at all times unreservedly stand back of all of our products and if you think your loss excessive and not due to faulty planting or after treatment, your simple statement to this effect will be an order on us to replace, without charge, at the next planting season. This guarantee covers the plants during the first growing season only. Unseasonable plantings, made contrary to our advice cannot be guaranteed.

# *Could anything be fairer?*

## A Brief Catalog

In presenting this catalog of hardy plants, I have tried to include just such varieties as have been found of the greatest value, as well as being easy to grow in a satisfactory manner. These selections have been made from our very extensive catalog of plants, to which reference should be made for full lists of varieties. Many fine plants have been omitted from this shorter list, but in each case, some other plant giving approximately the same effect is being offered.

Those unfamiliar with hardy plants, can pick from this list and be assured of getting easily handled plants that are entirely satisfactory in the hardy border.

## Use of the Gardens

All the plants listed herein as well as hundreds of others can be seen growing and blooming in our gardens. You are welcome to visit these gardens at any time and as often as you can. All the plants are labeled and you can get acquainted with them at your leisure. A visit every three weeks from April to October will show you all that is the best in perennial plants.

## What to expect from Perennials

If planted early, you should have a moderate amount of bloom the first year, a good showing the second, and the third Summer your garden should be glorious. But to attain this end cultivation and fertilization as well as watering should be carried on consistently. One of the greatest aids we have found in making a good garden is granulated peat. The results we have obtained with it are astonishing and anyone with the problem of too heavy soil should investigate it.

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*I am now in a position to offer you the services of highly trained Landscape Gardeners to assist you in solving the Garden problems as they arise. I am anxious to take a personal interest in your Garden and render it a continuous source of pleasure to you. I am at your service at all times.*



PART OF OUR GARDENS



YELLOW DAY LILY



BLEEDING HEART

# A Selected List of Popular Plants

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**ACHILLEA** (Yarrow or Milfoil). Large clusters of small flowers; valuable addition to the garden and good cut flowers. Grow in any sunny place.

**eupatorium.** Large flat yellow heads, valuable for drying. 3 feet. August.

**rosy milfoil.** Especially solid masses of rosy pink flowers. 1½ feet. July, August.

**ptarmica.** Ball of Snow. Clusters of very double small white flowers. 1½ feet. July.

**ACONITUM** (Monkshood or Wolfsbane). Similar to Delphinium but grows best in the shade. Will do best if given plenty of moisture. If planted in masses the tall spikes of the dark blue are very effective. Advantageously planted in the Fall.

**autumnal.** A very striking variety because of its large spikes and fine glossy foliage. 5 feet. September and October. Dark blue .50

**Fishers.** A very fine dwarf variety. 2½ feet. September. Light blue .50

**napellus.** The best known variety. 4 feet Summer. Dark blue. .50

**ADENOPHORA** (Bellwort). Plants much resembling Capanulas and require same treatment. **Liliifoli.** Very graceful, 2½ feet. Mid-summer. Blue.

**R. G. AETHIONEMA,** Pulchellum (Persian Candytuft). One of the most valuable Rock Plants. A lovely, refined plant somewhat resembling candytuft. Myriads of pink blossoms thru a long period of bloom. Pot plants only .50 each

**R. G. AJUGA, Genevensis** (Bugle). Fine in Rock Garden or ground cover. Abundance of foliage and blue blossoms. Six to eight inches high. Does well in shady places.

**Reptans.** Much like the above with purplish flowers and more of a sun plant.

**AGROSTEMMA, coronaria** (Rose Campion). Bright rosy crimson blossoms against silvery foliage, in June and July. A pleasing contrast. Slender plants growing about 1½ feet high.

**ALYSSUM, Argenteum** (Rock Madwort). Silvery foliage and yellow flowers. 1½ feet.

**Rostratum.** A good growing plant with gray foliage and pale yellow flowers. Very early. 8 inches.

**Saxatile.** A splendid rock plant. Masses of yellow blossoms. Early. 1 foot.

**ANCHUSA** (Summer Forget-me-not) Tall coarse growing plants, in season bearing great masses of tiny blue flowers. A good border plant.

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**Dropmore variety.** 4 feet. June. Brilliant blue.  
**Italica Opal.** Pale blue flowers. Very satisfactory. 4 feet.

#### ANEMONE (Wind flower).

**Pennsylvanica.** White flowers in July. Grows in full sun in moist soil. 12 to 18 in.

**Japanese type** is rather difficult to grow. A very acid soil full of humus seems to be necessary. One of the loveliest of garden subjects when they do well. Their large cup shaped flowers are borne at the top of beautiful two foot plants late in August. Cover plants in winter. .50 and .75 each.

**Pulsatilla.** Nearly prostrate with many large lilac flowers in earliest Spring.

#### ANTHEMIS, Kelways variety (Golden Marguerite)

Hardy, easily grown plants that bear a profusion of small golden daisy-like flowers for a long period during the middle of the Summer. Fine cut foliage. 1½ feet.

**Nobilis.** Yellow blossoms all Summer. Easily grown.

#### R. G. ANTIRRHINUM, Asarina.

A climbing Snap-dragon of great value in Rock Gardens. Foliage grayish green and yellow blossoms. Very unusual. Pot plants. .50 each

#### AQUILEGIA (Columbine)

A very valuable group of shade loving plants, too well known to need description. Give them light soil with plenty of humus or leaf mold. Can be planted in the Fall. Good cover plants for lilies.

**Album.** A splendid variety with white blossoms.

**Chrysanthia.** A good yellow form. 3 feet. July.

**Coerulea.** This is the famous Rocky Mountain Columbine and is too well known to need much description. Will grow anywhere in the northern half of the United States if given the conditions it craves.

Extra large clumps at \$5.00 per doz.

**Elliot's Hybrids.** These come in a wide range of reds, pinks, yellows, and creams. Very desirable.

**Helena.** A beautiful variety with blue and white blossoms. Valuable.

**Nivea.** A red blossom sort. Very fine.

#### R. G. ARABIS (Rock Cress).

A low growing plant for rock gardens and borders.

**Alpina.** White flowers. Indispensable in rock garden.

#### R. G. ARMERIA (Thrift or Sea Pink).

Low growing plants flowering continuously. Valuable for edging in border or rock garden. Need light leafy soil in full sun.

**Cephalotes.** Broad foliage and pink flowers. 8 in.

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**R. G. Gigantica.** A splendid subject for the Rock Garden. Narrow foliage and large red blossoms. 9 inches.

**Laucheana.** Low. Bright red flowers. 3 to 6 inches.

**Maritima.** Grass like foliage and light pink flowers. 6 inches.

**ARTEMESIA lactiflora.** (Wormwood). A good tall quick growing plant for the background. 6 feet. August. Creamy white.

**Abrotanum.** Nicely scented foliage and yellow blossom. 4 to 5 feet.

**pontica.** A low growing cut leaf gray herb. Useful in making small bouquets. Can be kept very low by clipping.

**Silver King.** A new introduction with frosted silvery foliage. Makes a beautiful contrast with greens of the border. Good for drying.

**ASCLEPIAS tuberosa** (Butterfly Weed) Heads of small, brilliant orange flowers on two foot stems. Valuable for cutting. Very hard to transplant. July to August.

**incarnata.** A tall growing plant especially adapted to swampy situations. About 3 feet tall with rose purple flowers in dense masses.

**ASTER** (Michaelmas Daisy). A wonderfully valuable group of plants for tall mass effects. Found in a great variety of colors. These plants will grow in any spot not too shady. Great masses of small daisy-like flowers. Divide frequently. Not to be confused with the China Asters, which are annuals.

**New England Type.** Clear, deep purple. 5 feet.

**W. Bowman.** 3 ft. Rose pink. All fall.

**Mrs. Wright.** 4 ft. Large, rosy, purple flowers. Early.

**New York Type.** Grows more slenderly, has lighter foliage and is more graceful. The following are good varieties.

**Beauty of Colwell.** A fine deep lavender.

**Cleopatra.** 5 ft. An improvement on the well known Aster Climax, flowers larger, lavender with conspicuous yellow disc.

**Climax.** One of the best. Light lavender blue.

**Glory of Colwell.** 2½ ft. Blue. All fall.

**Maid of Colwell.** Loose, graceful sprays of pure white flowers. Fine for cutting.

**Miss Eisele.** Lavender blue. All fall. Free blooming.

**Queen of Colwell.** Tall. Mid-season. Striking pale mauve, semi-double flowers.

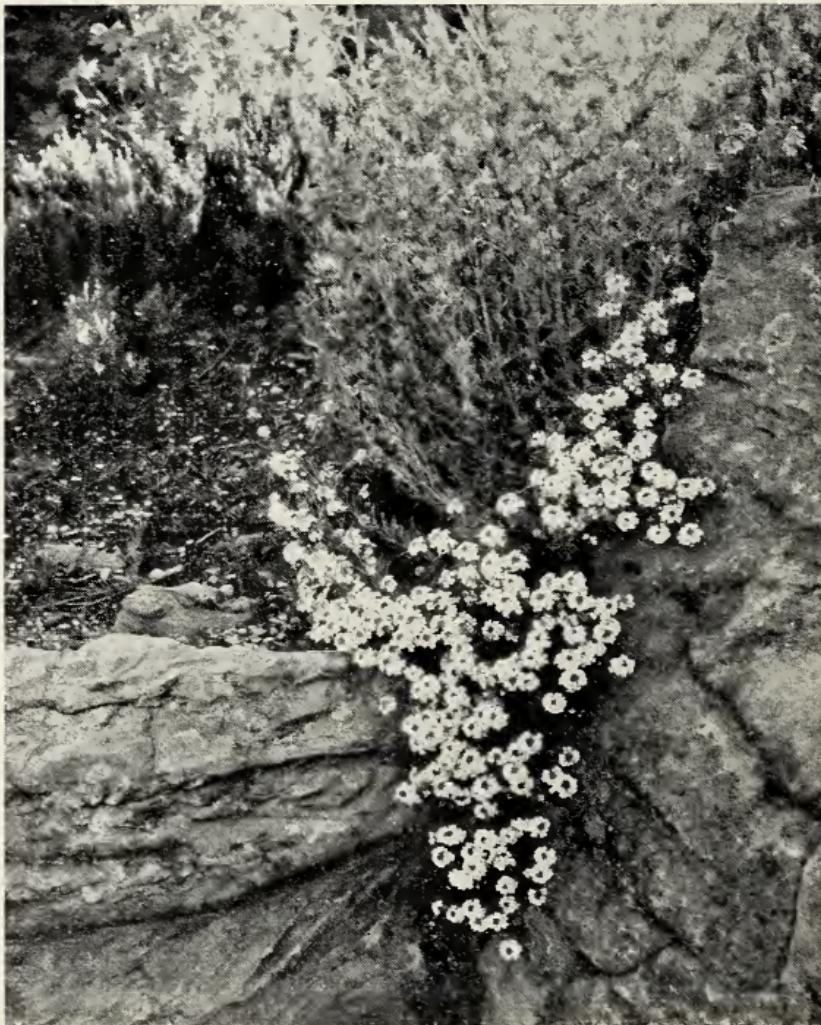
**Robert Parker.** Violet.

**White Climax.** A good white.

**grandiflorus.** A large blue flowered variety. Fall.



AMERICAN PILLAR ROSE



LEBANON CANDYTUFT

**R. G. ASTER SPECIES.** Very dwarf plants, covered with daisy-like flowers. Any sunny place.

**Alpinus.** Six to ten inches. Bluish purple.

**subcoeruleus.** Many lavender flowers on twelve-inch stems, thru June and July.

Both of these small Asters are very good in Rock Gardens.

**ASTILBE or SPIREA.** Low growing plants that in mid-Summer carry feathery spikes of small brightly colored flowers. Do best in very moist shady places in rich soil.

**Mont Blanc.** White. .75 each

**Queen Alexander.** Delicate pink. .75 each

**BAPTISIA** (False Indigo). Striking border plants, rather resembling Lupines. Full sun.

**australis.** Splendid foliage. Dark blue flowers. 4 feet.

**BELAMACANDA chinensis** (Blackberry lily). Plants much like Iris that in June have 3 foot stems with clumps of orange, star like flowers. In the Fall the seed pods resemble blackberries.

**BOCCONIA cordata** (Plume Poppy). A large imposing plant for the back of the hardy border. The great silvery blue leaves and the long buff colored plumpy flowers are quite decorative. Grows up to eight feet high.

**BOLTONIA** (False Chamomile). Plants that greatly resemble the Fall Asters; valuable for their colors. They grow about five feet high and bloom the end of August.

**asteroides** is a fine white form.

**latisquama** is a soft lavender pink.

**BUDDELYA magnifica** (Summer Lilac). This is a half hardy shrub that is best treated as a herbaceous plant and cut down each year. Valued especially for its long spikes of fragrant lilac flowers that are produced most freely toward the end of the Summer. Good cut flowers 4-inch pot plants. .50 each

**CAMPANULA** (Bellflowers). A large fine group of flowers, varying greatly in height, but all characterized by having pendant, bell shaped flowers, usually in blue or white. Invaluable.

**Canterbury Bells.** Biennials that are much used because of their large, showy, white, pink, lavender or purple flowers; which come both single and double. 3 feet. July.

**elegans.** Pale blue flowers thru summer. 18 inches.

**grossecki.** Large heart shaped leaves, blue flowers all summer. One of the best bellflowers. 2 feet.

**lactiflora.** Light blue flowers. 4 feet high during July and August.

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*latifolia macrantha*. Giant form of vigorous growth. 3 feet. July. Purplish blue. .50  
*lorei, blue*. 2 feet, June. .50  
*persicifolia*. One of the best Campanulas with large pendant blue bells. 2 feet. July.  
*persicifolia alba*. A white form of the above.  
*pyramidalis*. Mixed blue and white plants that grow up to six feet high, blooming in July.  
*rotundifolia*. (Blue Bells of Scotland). Blue flowers on slender stocks thru summer. 1 foot.

**CASSIA marilandica (Senna)**. Strong growing shrubby plants that in mid-summer are covered with great masses of small yellow flowers. Has considerable decorative value.

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**CATANANCHE**. Flowers good for cutting, on long stems high above a flat mass of leaves.  
 Blossoms thru a long season and fine for the border.  
*coerulea*. 2 feet. Deep blue flowers.  
*coerulea bicolor*. Purple and white.

**CENTAUREA (Hardy cornflower)**. Graceful, showy flowers all summer in wide range of colors. Excellent for cutting.  
*babylonica*. Good fluffy yellow flowers. 1½ feet.  
*dealbeta*. Large striking pink flowers. 1½ feet.  
*Macrocephala*. Large thistle like yellow flowers. A striking border plant. 3½ feet.  
**Montana (perennial Cornflower)**. This variety gives many large blue or white flowers during Mid-summer.

R. G. **CERASTIUM tomentosum** (Snow-in-Summer). 6 inches. Silver foliaged ground cover.

**CHRYSANTHEMUM maximum**. (Shasta Daisy). One of the best cut flower plants we have, thriving in every garden.  
 The varieties offered will give a succession of bloom from May to September.

**Glory of Wayside**. Abundant small flowers in May.

**Convent Garden**. Blooms in early June—rather dwarf.

**Suttons Perfection**      { Two good types for late June and July blooming.  
**Alaska**

**King Edward VII**      { Very large flowers on Long stems. 3 feet.  
**Mrs. Teersteeg**

**Miss Bell**      { Medium sized types that bloom the second half  
**Ophelia**      { of the Summer.

**HARDY CHRYSANTHEMUMS**. The flowers of these plants are frequently caught by early frosts, but if they escape this danger, usually make a brave showing. All Mums require a rich soil, much feeding and frequent division. We have a quite large range of colors and types and can supply almost any variety demanded.

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Sold only out of pots.

**Autumn Glow.** A tall growing pink that is very satisfactory.

**Bronze Beauty.** A medium tall grower with beautiful bronze blossoms.

**Ester.** A dwarf with pink and white blossoms. Always sure to bloom.

**Snow Clad.** A beautiful white Mum that should always be included.

**Trickers Pink.** A dwarf, early blooming Hardy Mum that will always blossom.

**Trickers Yellow.** Dwarf and very early. A sure bloomer.

**CLEMATIS.** The large flowered types are climbers, doing well on almost any exposure. On account of the difficulty of starting them into growth we supply them in four inch pots, in purple, red and white. \$1.50 each.

**davidiana.** A shrubbery type, growing about 2½ feet high, carrying in late Summer whorls of fragrant lavender blue flowers. .50 each.

**CONVALLARIA majalis** (Lily of the Valley). This most desirable plant responds to good treatment most readily. A shady place, plenty of moisture in the Spring, and an inch of old manure every Fall will give a wonderful profusion of flowers. Plant in the Fall if possible.

**COREOPSIS lanceolata** (Tickseed). Valuable for giving good long stemmed yellow daisy-like flowers all Summer long. An easily grown perennial that should be found in every garden.

**DELPHINIUM** (Larkspur). The most valuable group of tall blue flowers for the garden use. The choicest are the English Hybrid forms, which are exceedingly beautiful and vigorous. They will do best in moderately rich friable garden soil with plenty of water. Use bone meal freely but avoid fresh manures. If the spikes are cut as soon as they fade a succession of blooms may be had nearly all Summer.

**Choicest English Hybrids.** Roberts reselection. In this strain we have tried to incorporate the best of the English and American types. The outstanding characteristics are extreme length of flower spike and a brilliant range of pastel shades.

**belladonna.** The best light blue cut flower variety.

**bellamosa.** A dark blue of the belladonna type.

**chinese.** A fine, low growing form with loosely built deep blue clusters.

**chinese album.** A white form of the above.

**Dusky Monarch.** The finest of all the Larkspurs. Tall growing with large hollyhock-like blossoms. Brightly colored with white centers. Seedlings. .50 each

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**Wrexham.** An especially large blossoming Delphinium of varied hues. Very satisfactory. Seedlings. .50 each

**DICENTRA** (Bleeding Heart). The best pink flower for the shady corners of borders.

**spectabilis.** The old time favorite. The best plant for that shady corner. .75 each

**DIGITALIS** (Foxglove). A very reliable and satisfactory old fashioned flower.

**gloxinaeflora.** The common foxglove. Biennial but fine in its great range of colors; cream, pink, rose to purple.

**maculata.** A very different spotted form. Brown.

**ECHINOPS ritro.** 3 feet. Thistle like plants with steely blue flowers. July. Use as specimens. Good for cutting and drying.

**Sparsifolius.** 6 feet. Enormous plants with great numbers of gray heads. Fine for the background.

**ENGLISH IVY.** A very valuable broad leaf Evergreen for both garden and inside the home.

**EREMURUS** (Fox Tail Lily). The stateliest plant for the border. When established, the great spikes will grow ten feet or more. Needs rich, well drained soil in a cool spot.

**elwesi.** Comes in pink and white. 7.00 each

**Himalayan.** Is white and has more compact spikes of flowers. 5.00 each

**ERIGERON** (Fleabane). Daisy like flowers. Use in masses.

**glaucus.** A violet daisy.

**macranthus.** Blue violet, low growing.

**speciosus.** Taller growing. Violet.

**R. G. ERODIUM Macradenum** (Herons Bill). Very choice plant for the Rock Garden with finely cut, lacy, green foliage. Small pink blossoms.

**ERYNGIUM** (Sea Holly). **amethystinum.** 3 feet. Small thistle like heads of steely blue. Showy.

**R. G. ERYSIMUM** (Hedge Mustard) **pulchellum.** Low growing and covered with lemon yellow flower heads.

**EUPATORIUM ageratoides** (Hardy Ageratum). A vigorous plant, growing 3 feet high and carrying in August immense heads of very tiny white flowers.

**corollata.** A formal growth about 18 inches high with myriads of white flowers with tiny green eye from June until August.

**EUPHORBIA polychroma** (Spurge). A splendid plant covered with chrome yellow flowers. 1 foot.

**coelestinum.** A beautiful border subject, tall growing, with dense heads of light purple flowers. Good for cutting.

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**myrsitenes.** A first class plant for edging. The plant itself is compact and a good green and when in bloom makes a solid mustard yellow mass.

**EVERGREENS.** Always valuable, evergreen trees have special merit in Colorado where the open Winters leave the gardens looking far too bare without the green of evergreens. Among these, the best garden types are found among the Junipers. The prices given are approximate. We recommend the planting of trees 1½ to 3 feet high. Send for catalog.

**R. G. EVONYMOUS Radicans** (Evergreen Bittersweet). A true broad leaf Evergreen that is hardy in Colorado if not exposed to Winter sun. Slow starting. Well adapted to Rock Gardens.

**FERNS.** The most popular plant for a shady location. No garden may be considered complete without at least a few good ferns. Give plenty of water and rotted leaves.

**Colorado Male Fern.** The best known form. Clumps at \$3.00 and \$5.00 per doz.

**Lady Fern.** A finer plant than Colorado Male Fern but much resembling it.

In addition to the above we have several other varieties which we would be glad to quote to anyone interested.

**FUNKIA** (Plantain Lily). Ornamental leaved plants, valuable in the front of the shady border. They grow about 1½ feet and carry their lily-like spikes of flowers well above the shiny leaves.

**Coerulea.** A splendid formal growing plant for edgings with foliage with blue flowers on long stems from July to September.

**lancifolia.** A handsome species with narrow leaves and purple flowers.

**subcordata.** A very fine large flowered white form. Fragrant, August. .50 each

**GAILLARDIA grandiflora** (Blanket Flower). One of the freest blooming of the hardy plants. Grows 2 feet high and bears masses of red and yellow daisy-like flowers all Summer.

**GALEGA** (Goat's Rue). Bushy plants with good foliage and many pea shaped flowers. Grows anywhere. 3 feet.

**Officinalis.** Blue. Good for cutting.

**Officinalis alba.** White.

**GENTIANA Andrewsi Gentian.** A splendid deep blue flowered garden plant, subject for moist places. One of the most interesting of plants. Use lots of peat.

**GERANIUM** (Cranes Bill). A valuable group of plants for the front of the border. The foliage is always neat and the small, usually blue flowers show for over two months.

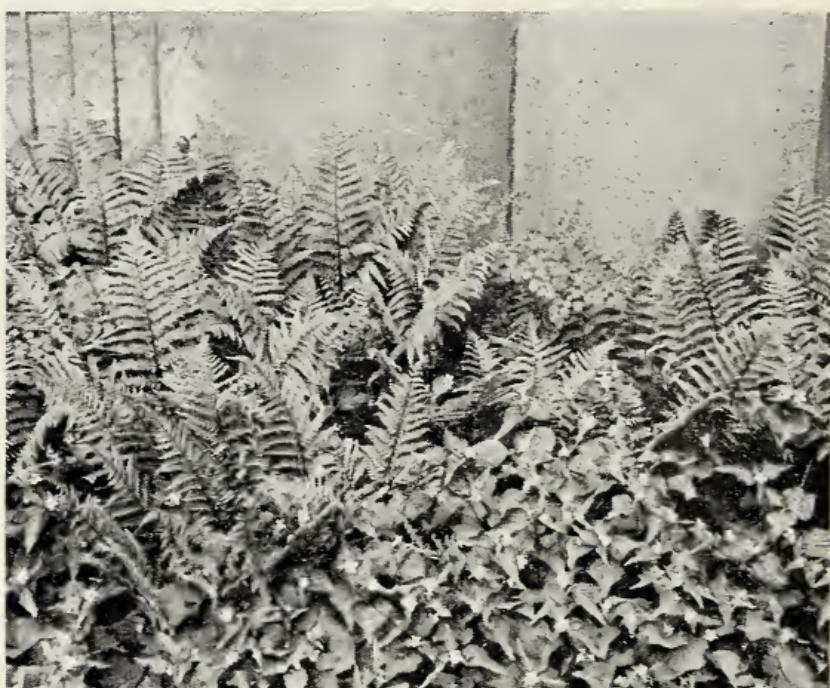
**pratense.** Good sized blue flowers. 2 feet.

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HUMBOLDTI, CALIFORNIA'S FINEST LILY



COLORADO MALE FERN AND VIOLETS



EVERGREENS ARE INVALUABLE IN THE GARDEN

**R. G. GEUM Lady Strathenden.** The yellow counterpart of Geum Mrs. Bradshaw. The combination of the two is exceptionally lovely.

**Mrs. Bradshaw.** A very choice low growing plant that gives a long succession of scarlet flowers. Adapted to either the perennial border or Rock Garden and has especially valuable foliage. One foot in height.

**GRASSES.** Good in any border planting but invaluable near the water.

**Blue Lyme Grass** has handsome gray blades, growing up to three feet; a good edger for pools.

**Festuca glauca** is a very compact silvery grass that grows but 6 inches high. Makes a highly desirable border for the flower bed.

**Japan Rush** is valuable in large clumps where its six foot blades of dull green are very graceful.

**Ravenna grass** grows up to twelve feet and its long plumes are a feature of the landscape all Winter.

**GROUND COVERS** are one of the neglected features of nearly all gardens and are very necessary to the Rock Garden. The prostrate Phlox and Sedums are among the best plants for this purpose. We will be glad to assist you in selection.

**GYPSOPHILA** (Baby's Breath). Much branched plants carrying clouds of white flowers. Valuable for bouquets.

**paniculata.** 3 feet. July. White—The common form.

**Double flowered variety.** This extraordinarily fine plant grows best in a dry hot alkali soil and does better in Colorado than almost anywhere else. We have seen single plants over six feet across.

Large grafted plants. \$1.50 each

**R. G. repens.** A prostrate form, beautiful hanging over rocks or a wall.

**Bristol Fairy.** A new introduction that blossoms thru a long season with large double blossoms. Very effective in the border.

\$1.50 each

**HELENIUM** (Sneezewort). Tall shrub-like plants carrying great masses of disc flowers in late Summer.

**autumnale rubrum.** Deep crimson and orange.

**pumilum magnificum.** Lower growing, but very similar.

**Riverton Beauty.** Lemon yellow with a dark center.

**Riverton Gem.** Old gold suffused with terra cotta.

**R. G. HELIANTHIMUM** (Rock Rose). A low growing plant covered with fine flowers thru the early summer. Cut back after blooming. A very fine plant for the Rockery that covers a large

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area with splendid green foliage and fine blossoms. In pots only.  
**croceum.** Copper yellow.  
**grandiflora.** Yellow.  
**Mutabile.** Pink.

**HELIANTHUS**, Miss Mellish. (Hardy Sunflower). Good background plant, giving masses of clear yellow in August and September. 5 feet.

**HELIOPSIS (Hardy Zinnia).** Similar to Helianthus but much finer.  
**scabra imbricata.** Bright yellow flowers. Very good.  
**scabra gratissima.** 5 feet. Pale yellow.

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**HEMEROCALLIS** (Yellow Day Lily). Strong growing lily-like flowers that occur in a variety of yellows. Very valuable plants.  
**apricot.** Very distinct variety. Apricot yellow.  
**baroni.** Rare species. Yellow. Large flowers. at .50  
**flamid.** Large orange flowers. June.  
**June.**  
**flava.** Sweet scented, light yellow. 3 feet.  
**fulva.** Tawny lily. 3 feet. July.  
**Gold Dust.** Indian yellow. 2 feet. June.  
**Orange Man.** Clear bright orange.  
**Sir Michael Foster.** Clear yellow. 3 feet. July.  
**Thunbergi.** Lemon yellow, late blooming.

R. G. **HEUCHERA Sanguinea** (Coralbells). Splendid low growing plants for the front of the border with an abundance of graceful brightly colored blossoms. Fine for cutting. An excellent subject for the Rock Garden. .50 each

**HIBISCUS** (Mallow Marvels). Large leaved, tall growing plants that in late Summer carry quantities of large white, pink or red flowers. A very showy border subject. Order by color.

**HOLLYHOCKS.** An old garden favorite but one of the most beautiful formal growing plants we have. Both double and single in the following colors:

Bright Rose	
Maroon	
Newport Pink	
Red	
White	
Yellow.	\$2.00 per doz.

**HYACINTHUS Candicans** (Cape Hyacinth). A tall growing white hyacinth that blossoms in Summer. A very graceful plant for the border.

**HYPERICUM** (Gold Dust Plant). A most graceful border plant, producing numerous shoots that arch most gracefully and show to best advantage the multitudes of single yellow flowers. Cover in winter.

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**Henryi.** The most upright of all. Hardest. .50  
**Moserianum.** Very graceful drooping type. .50  
**renens.** An entirely prostrate rock plant.  
 Lovely. .50

**IBERIS.** Little Gem (Hardy Candytuft). Evergreen prostrate plants that in the Spring are covered with small white flowers.

**IRIS.** We have a great variety of iris and those interested should get our special Iris list. The varieties listed below are among our best. Give Iris a sunny location and no manure. Plant at any time.

#### GERMAN OR FLAG IRIS Varieties.

**Ambassadeur.** Smoky velvety purple. A wonderful flower. 1.00 each

**Archeveque.** Deep purple violet. Clumps. .35 each

**Isoline.** Standards are pinkish buff, falls are violet. An unusual and striking variety. .50 each

**Kochi.** Deepest purple. The earliest iris. Clumps, .35 each

**Lohengrin.** Large flowers of soft lavender rose. Clumps, .35 each

**Lord of June.** Gigantic flowers of lavender blue darker toward the bottom. .50 each

**Mary Garden.** Tan suffused with lavender the falls nearly white, spotted with maroon. Clumps, .35 each

**Mme Chereau.** Clear white with light blue penciling. Clumps, .35 each

**Opera.** Dark reddish violet. Very fine. .75 each

**Pallida dalmatica.** Clear lavender, darkening towards the bottom. Flowers carried on long stems. One of the best iris in its class. .35 each

**Rhein Nixe.** White standards with rich purple falls. Clumps .35 each

**White Knight.** A very fine pure white. .35 each

**Siberica.** A very graceful form of Iris particularly well adapted to planting near pools. Blossoms are white or blue or a combination of the two. .35 each

**IRIS pumila.** A low growing early blooming type. Will grow in dense shade. The colors range from cream to deep purple. .25 each. 2.00 per doz.

**LATHRYUS** (Everlasting Pea). Much like annual sweet pea. Climbing.

**latifolius.** White, pink and red. July.

**LIATRIS pycnostachya.** (Kansas Gay Feather). Long showy purple spikes late in the Summer. Easily grown. 4 feet high.

**ligulistylis.** Rocky Mountain Grayfeather. Tall growing border plant with rosy purple blossoms that appear in late Summer when blossoms in the border are scarce.

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**LILIUMS.** Lilies are the most valuable flowers for the shady or semi-shady garden. Beside shade, they require good drainage and appreciate sand, leaf mold and peat. Except for *Candidum* they are all planted deep, the largest as deep as one foot; so thorough and deep preparation of the soil is essential. Surround all bulbs with a handful of sand and peat.

Lilies should be planted in quantity in large gardens. Write for very attractive hundred and case prices.

**Auratum or Gold Banded Lily** of Japan is the showiest lily we have. Immense fragrant white flowers dotted with crimson and yellow. Plant one foot deep early in the Spring. Blooms in September. .40 each

Big bulbs, 4.00 per doz.

**Candidum or Madonna Lily** is the white lily of the old fashioned gardens. Very fragrant. Plant three inches deep. May be put in the full sun. Plant in August or September only. .40 each

Large bulbs 4.00 per doz.

**elegans.** Large flaring orange red flowers on eighteen inch stems. June. Plant 8 inches deep. .30 each. Large bulbs \$2.50 per doz.

Large bulbs \$5.00 per doz. .50 each.

**Henry's.** A bright orange yellow reflexed lily growing 4 feet high. Fine in heavy shade. Plant 1 foot deep. \$5.00 per doz. .50 each

**Humboldts** is one of the California lilies; grows six to ten feet and has large clusters of soft orange reflexed flowers. Likes heavy soil and plenty of shade. Plant one foot deep.

6.00 per doz. .60 each

**Regals Lily** is the finest new long trumpet white lily. Fragrant and when established carries large clusters of flowers. July. 4 feet.

Large bulbs 5.00 per doz. .50 each

**Rubrum** is the best crimson lily. Ground work of white. Plant in early Spring. Blooms in August. 4 feet.

Large bulbs 4.00 per doz. .40 each

**Tiger Lilies** are single and double. Large reflexed orange red flowers. Easily grown. July. Large bulbs. 2.50 per doz. .30 each

Beside these we have about 50 other varieties of lilies on our special list.

**R. G. Tenuifolium.** A very interesting lily for the Rock Garden. Narrow leaved, slender growing with beautiful deep scarlet blossoms.

.35 each

**LINARIA (Toadflax).** Easily grown low plants surmounted by many racemes of tiny flowers. *dalmatica.* Glaucous foliage and bright yellow flowers.

**LINUM (Flax).** A desirable group of plants for the border or rockery. Very feathery foliage with great showers of surprisingly large flowers all Summer.

*alpinum.* A fine foliage very low growing flax. Pale blue flowers.

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**perenne.** Low growing graceful branches with finely cut foliage, covered during the early Summer with masses of fine blue flowers. Useful in the border.

**LUPINES.** Foot long spikes of pea shaped flowers on three foot stems. Many of the flowers are quite fragrant. The colors are white, pink, rose and blue. Early June.

English Hybrids, featuring pink tints.

.40 each, \$4.00 per doz.

**polyphyllus albus.** A hardy type with white blossoms that arrive very early in the season.

**polyphyllus blue.** Like the above with blue blossoms.

**LYCHNIS (Campion).** Brightly colored flower heads on long stems.

**chalcedonica.** Very desirable border plant. Scarlet.

**haageana.** Much the same as above but not so tall.

**LYTHRUM (Loosestrife).** Moisture loving plants with erect flower spikes thru most of summer.

**roseum superbum.** Large rose colored flowers.

**virgatum.** Reddish purple.

**MATRICARIA Little Gem (Feverfew)** is valued for its masses of small white chrysanthemum-like flowers that are borne all Summer. 2 feet.

**MERTENSIA (Blue Bells).** One of the finest of the early Spring flowers. Large clusters of blue flowers fading pink. Will grow in shade.

**ciliata.** The Western type. Pale blue. 4 feet.

**Virginica.** The Eastern type. 2 feet.

**MONARDA OR BERGAMOT (Oswego Tea).** Showy background plants, giving large masses of daisy-like flowers.

**didyma.** Brilliant crimson scarlet 2 feet. July.

**Florairiensis.** 4 feet. August. Lilac.

**R. G. MYOSOTIS Palustris (Forget-me-not).** The familiar plant that produces quantities of blue blossoms in the Spring. An exceptional ground cover.

**R. G. OENOTHERA Missouriensis (Evening Primrose).** A low growing Rock Garden or border plant with an abundance of immense yellow flowers thru a long blooming season. Good foliage.

**PAPAVER (Poppy).** Large, brightly colored flowers on long stems. Very showy. Best planted in August. In the Spring from pots only.

**bracteatum.** Orange scarlet in June.

**Beauty of Livermore.** Crimson with black blotch. .50

**Goliath.** Large red.

.50

**Mrs. Perry.** Orange apricot.

**Salmon Queen.** Soft salmon pink.

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**PENTSTEMON** (Beard Tongue). Most useful group of border plants. Many tall graceful spikes rise from the mat of rich green leaves.

**Arizonicus.** Purple flowers on lavender, erect stalks, 6 to 8 inches high. Very fine.

**barbatus.** A very striking variety. 4 feet. July Scarlet.

**digitalis.** Tall growing with large white flowers.

**English hybrids.** A splendid large flowered type occurring in white, various shades of pinks, deep rose, lavender and purple. Not hardy. Best treated as annuals  $2\frac{1}{2}$  feet. Summer. Plant from pots in May.

**herterophyllus.** A very free blooming variety, growing 1 foot. Blue. July.

**PEONIES.** One of the most valuable plant groups. Easy to grow if good roots are planted very shallow and then left undisturbed. The soil should be thoroughly enriched but no manure must touch the root. The flowers will not be perfect until the third year. Water freely until after blooming. **Plant in the Fall only.** We have a large collection but the brief list below represents a few of the best. The figure after the name of each peony is the American Peony Society rating on a basis of 100 being perfection.

Price each

**Festiva Maxima,** 93. The best early white and one of the finest peonies. .75

**James Kelway,** 87. A mid season, pink tinted, tall growing white. 1.50

**Mme. Emile Lemoine,** 89. A very lovely milk white. Quite full. 1.50

**Baroness Schroeder,** 90. A late flesh white, large peony. 1.50

**Couronne d'Or,** 81. A white showing yellow tints. Rather flat. .75

**Edulis Superba,** 78. A brilliant early deep pink. Always satisfactory. .75

**M. Jules Elie,** 92. A compact lilac rose flower. Very popular. 1.00

**Therese,** 98. Violet rose, becoming lighter in the centre. One of the loveliest pink peonies. 3.50

**Sarah Bernhardt,** 90. Moderately full deep rose flower with silver tips. 1.50

**Albert Crousse,** 86. A flat late shell pink flower with crimson fleckings. .75

**Marguerite Gerard,** 84. A large solid flower of flesh pink. Very good. 1.25

**Phillipe Rivoire,** 92. An early dark crimson solid flower. The finest of reds. 25.00

**Felix Crouse,** 84. A medium sized round flower of bright red. 1.00

**Karl Rosenfield,** 88. A tall growing dark crimson peony with large flowers. The best of the moderate priced ones. 1.25

**Meissonier,** 78. A medium sized purple red flower. Called American Beauty. .75

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**Officinalis Rubra.** The Decoration Day peony. Deep red. Good decorative plant for gardens. 1.00

**Mikado.** The best known Japanese or nearly single peony. Velvety crimson with the small centre petals tipped with gold. 3.00

**PHLOX.** Its mass of color gives phlox first place among the Summer flowering perennials. The tall growing type is found in hundreds of named varieties; those listed below being a representative selection.

**Antonine Mercie.** A tall variety of beautiful shade of lavender, eye lighter.

**Baron Von Heckeren.** Fine salmon pink. Large flower.

**Bridesmaid.** Tall white flowers with rose crimson center.

**Champs Elysee.** The deepest crimson.

**Coquelicot.** Pure brilliant vermillion.

**Divaricata canadensis.** A native plant with large, fragrant, lavender flowers.

**Eclaireur.** Bright carmine with light halo.

**Elizabeth Campbell.** Clear soft pink of medium height.

**Europa.** White with crimson eye.

**Hercules.** Brilliant rosy purple.

**Miss Lingard.** The best early white. Low.

**Mrs. Jenkins.** Free blooming pure white.

**Peach Blossom.** Delicate pink suffused with white. Dwarf.

**Rheinlander.** Salmon pink with large flowers.

**Rijnstroom.** Very large carmine rose blooms on immense trusses.

**Strauss.** Violet amaranth. Good grower.

**Struthers.** Bright rosy carmine.

**Tapis Blanc.** A good low growing white.

**Von Lassburg.** Tall growing late white.

#### R. G. PHLOX SUBLATA.

The prostrate type of phlox known as subulata makes a wonderful green blanket all the year and in the late Spring is covered with clouds of small flowers. The colors are white, lavender and various shades of pink and rose.

A splendid Rock Garden subject.

**PHYSALIS Francheti** (Chinese Lantern). An ornamental low growing plant, grown for the bright scarlet seed pods that are shaped like lanterns. Dry them for Winter decorations as they hold the vivid coloring.

**PHYSOSTEGIA virginica** (False Dragon Head).

A plant valued for its long spikes of graceful flowers, blooming in the late Summer. 4 feet. Colors are white and lilac rose. Splendid cut flowers.

**P. V. alba.** Much resembles above with pure white blossoms.

**PLATYCODON grandiflorum** (Chinese Bellflower).

Quite attractive border plants that in July give good sized cup shape flowers in blue and white.



WATER LILIES FIT IN ANY GARDEN



A GROUP OF ENGLISH LUPINS

**POLEMONIUM** (*Jacob's Ladder*). A handsome border plant with fern like foliage. Rich soil and some shade.

**Richardsoni.** Bright blue flowers on stalks about 18 inches high.

**POLYGONIUM Cuspidatum.** Valuable foliage plants for bold massing effects. Grow 8 feet and in late Summer have clouds of tiny white flowers.

**R. G. POTENTILLA Tridentala** (*Cinquefoil*). A dwarf, nearly Evergreen Rock Garden subject. Long season of brilliantly hued double blossoms. .50 each

**PRIMULA hybrids.** Lovely little plants for the shady moist corner. Large heads of yellow and red flowers in the early Spring. Easily cultivated and quite different.

**R. G. PRUNELLA Grandiflora** (*Self-heal*). Another splendid Rock Garden plant if given some shade. Blossoms are blue or violet and blooms thruout the Summer. .50 each

**PYRETHRUM hybrids** (*Painted Daisies*). Much like Shasta Daisies, except that they occur in an interesting range of pinks to deepest rose. They flower in early Summer and occasionally again in the Fall.

**uliginosum.** Giant Daisy. Grows 4 feet high and in August is covered with white flowers.

**RANUNCULIS acris fl. pl.** (*Buttercups*). Deep green foliage with small bright yellow flowers.

**ROCK PLANTS and ROCK GARDENING** are fascinating subjects and it is surprising how many City gardens have a corner suitable for rockeries. All Rock Plants are marked R. G.

**ROSES.** This is too large a subject to be treated fully here and our special rose catalog should be consulted for a full list of varieties and cultural directions.

Roses can be grown in any open sunny place in soil that is not too rich. We sell pot grown roses on their own roots exclusively and find that they give wonderful satisfaction. The following varieties are our selection of a few of the most satisfactory.

#### Hybrid Teas:

Kaiserin	White
Salmon	Apricot & salmon
Sunburst	Yellow
Mrs. Bell	Shell pink
Radiance	Medium pink
Mme. Testout	Light pink
Jonkherr Mock	Dark pink
Gruss an Teplitz	Decorative red
Crusader	Dark red
Legion	Medium red

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In the small flowered or cluster climbers the Perkins family is best and come in white, four shades of pink and red.

Among the best of the large flowered climbers are

Pauls Scarlet Climber	Scarlet
Christine Wright	Pink
Improved Clb. Beauty	Deep red
Mary Lovett	White
Dr. Van Vleet	Shell pink
Bess Lovett	Pink

All these and many more are 65c each,  
6.50 per dozen

**RUDBECKIA** (Cone Flower). Robust plants carrying large disc flowers thru summer and fall.

*lanciniata*. 6 feet. Yellow. Showy.

*purpurea*. Fine purple red rays, cone center.

This is an exceptionally fine border plant, growing to 4 feet.

*Newmani*. Dark orange yellow flowers. Good for cutting. 3 feet.

**SALVIA** (Meadow Sage). A group of plants that give exceptionally fine spikes of small graceful flowers. Do well anywhere.

*azurea*. A very fine native species. August. 4 feet. Light clear blue.

*nutans*. 2 feet high with dark blue blossoms.

*sylvestris*. Spikes of pretty purple violet flowers.

*virgata nemorsa*. Quite distinctive with long very slender white spikes. 4 feet. August.

**SANTOLINA INCANA** (Lavender Cotton; Ground Cypress). A dwarf evergreen perennial with sweet smelling gray leaves. Can be trimmed to shape. 1 foot. Good edger.

R. G. **SAPONARIA Ocyoides Splendens** (Snap-wort). Adapted to either the border or Rock Garden. Low growing with masses of rosy pink flowers and good foliage.

R. G. **SAXIFRAGA Cordifolia**. A very easily grown Rock Garden plant with masses of broad, deep green foliage. Pink flowers on long stems very early in Spring. .50 each

*decipiens*. One of the finest dwarf Rock Garden plants. With mossy foliage and white flowers. Green foliage turns a bright crimson in Winter.

**SCABIOSA caucasica** (Blue Bonnet). Good border plants. Fine blue flower on long stems, good for cutting. They need good drainage and plenty of sun. 2 feet. July, August.

R. G. **SEDUM** (Stonecrop). This is a very large family most of which belong in the Rock Garden.

*acre* can be used in place of grass in shady places.

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**brilliant** grows a foot high and in August bears large flat heads of tiny crimson flowers. 1 foot.  
**atropurpureum** is similar to the above; has lavender flowers.

**ewersi.** Rose colored flowers and gray foliage.  
**Fabaria.** Tall growing with lilac purple flowers and grass green foliage.

**Kamschaticum.** Orange yellow blossoms and green foliage turning golden in autumn.

**Maximowiczi.** Yellow flowers in flat heads on erect stems. One of the best for the border.

**populifolium.** Purplish foliage and pink flowers in half round heads.

**selskianum.** Yellow. Good border plant.

**telephium.** Bronze foliage and buff colored flowers. A beautiful contrast plant.

**SHRUBS.** We are now offering a list of the best garden shrubs. Included in this will be the best novelties as well as the older types. Send for catalog.

**SIDALCEA.** (Mallow Worts). Easily grown border plants. Good for cutting.

**Oregana Rose Queen.** Especially good rose flowers of good size.

**SOLIDAGO** (Golden Rod). One of the most valuable of the Fall flowers. The best Autumn yellow. Dried flowers make splendid Winter bouquets.

**Butterfly** grows 6 feet and has big flower heads.  
**Canadensis** grows  $2\frac{1}{2}$  feet.

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R. G. indicates suitable rock garden plants

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**SPIREA** (Meadow Sweet). Is notable for its rosettes of handsome fine cut foliage and feathery heads of very small white flowers.

**filipendula.** 2 feet. June to July.

**filipendula fl. pl.** The double flowered form which is very handsome. .50 each

**ulmaria.** Large double white flowers.

**STACHYS** (Wound Wort). Silver white foliage with foot high flower stalks.

**betonica.** Large flowers of purplish rose.

**lanata.** Bright silvery foliage. Purple blossoms.

**STATICE latifolia** (Sea Lavender). Grows as a flat crown of dark leathery leaves. In late Summer this is surmounted by a large head of very tiny lavender flowers. Good for drying.

**STOKESIA** (Cornflower Aster). One of the most admirable types for the border. Aster-like blossoms from June until late in Autumn. Plant in sun. Grows to 24 inches.

**Canea coerulea.** Blossoms very large. Light lavender blue.

**Cyanea coerulea alba.** Resembles the above sort but white blossoms.

**R. G. TEUCRIUM Orientalis** (Germanander). A free blooming Rock Garden plant, dwarf growth and fine blue flowers.

**THALICTRUM** (Meadow Rue). Foliage much resembles maiden hair fern from which one variety is named.

*adiantifolium*. 5 feet. Yellow. July.

*aquilegifolium*. Splendid foliage.

*glaucum*. Gray foliage. 3 feet. Yellow, July.

**TREES.** In addition to evergreens, we for the first time offer a selection of trees in the varieties best suited to Colorado. If interested send for catalog.

**TROLLIUS Europeans Orange Globe** (Globe Flower). One of the most desirable plants for the border. Long blooming season of splendid orange colored flowers. Low growing.

.50 each

**VALERIANA officinalis** (Valerian). First class plant for the big border. The blooms are tiny white things but they come in great heads that are most decorative. 5 feet. July.

**VERBASCUM** (Mullein). A tall growing biennial with yellow flowers rising from tufts of gray leaves.

*phoeniceum*. A tall growing sort coming in various shades. Very attractive.

**VERONICA** (Speedwell). Some of the best garden subjects are found here. Most of them have fine blue spikes. Give a sunny location.

*elegantissima*. Spikes of blue flowers from June to August.

*incana*. A valuable plant for bordering as its gray leaves form a trim rosette. The flowers, too, are very good. 1 foot. August. Blue.

*longifolia*. One of the best hardy border plants. Many deep blue spikes, two feet long, thru most of the Summer.

*pectinata*. Of great value as a carpeter as it will cover and bind the steepest banks. Evergreen. The foliage is gray green and grows only two or three inches high. The pink flowers are unimportant.

*prostrata*. Low growing fine foliaged plant covered with fine blue flowers.

*rupestris*. A splendid ground cover. Blue.

**Royal Blue**. A fine rock garden plant.

**virginica alba**. A very free blooming type that carries erect white spikes that grow four feet high. August.

**VINCA minor** (Trailing Myrtle). Evergreen plants of great utility and much beauty. Can be used for carpeting under trees and shrubs and will do well in heavy shade.

**VIOLAS**. A group of low growing plants indispensable to the garden including pansy and violet.

*cornuta*. (Tufted Pansy). Perennial pansies with small blossoms in various colors that bloom nearly the year around.

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**odorata.** The small sweet violet that is known to everyone.

**VINES.** We have experimented long and can now offer a list of vines that will give satisfaction in Colorado. Call on us for catalog.

**WATER GARDENS** are very satisfactory features of the landscape and most water plants are easily grown. Placed so as to reflect features of the architecture or planting, the pool is always a source of pleasure. They are very easily adapted to any type or size of garden.

**WATER HYACINTHS.** Interesting subjects for the pool. Equipped with water roots, they do not anchor themselves but float on top of the water. Rarely blooms but gives a fine show of flat green foliage.

**WATER LILIES** can be grown with the greatest ease wherever they can be given sun and good dirty mud. Nearly any pool will accommodate two or three plants. Perfectly hardy varieties. Blossom in white, yellow and pink.

\$1.50 and \$2.00 each  
Red \$4.00 each

Ask for special cultural directions.

**YUCCA filamentosa.** Broad swordlike evergreen leaves and tall stalks of creamy white flowers.  
.50

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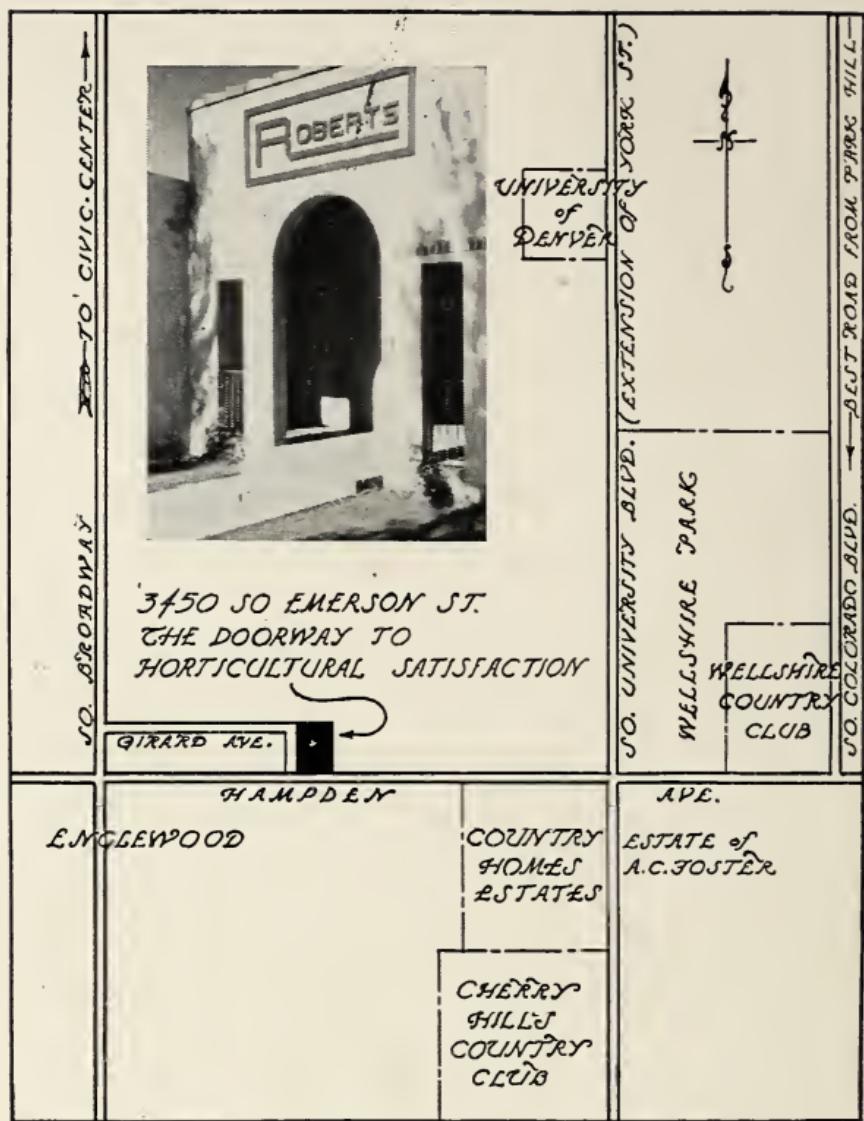
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